

THE WAVE

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League Sign-Up

Register Online

- Registration Must be Submitted by March 30
- Online Signup only!
- Sign-up for Match Play
- Tee Times will continue via signup sheets at the Pro Shop for the following weeks league night.
- Be an active member of the WGA! Choose to volunteer with your buddies at the PCC or Solheim Cup!
- For a Hole-in-one shot on a league nine, the league and the course will provide a keg to help celebrate the event!

Spring Meeting April 4th

Signup Now Online!!!

Mark your calendars or set your cellphone reminders for 6PM to attend the Spring Meeting at the Waveland clubhouse. League sign up will for the first time be done online. Mike Rooney has designed the website allowing us to register and pay dues via the internet, this will save postage costs and many hours of work for the Treasurer and the League Chairman. Signup must be submitted by Thursday, March 30, 2017. Due to the popularity of our league, in order to ensure your continued participation, you must have your signup submitted by the due date. If you are a team captain or wish to be a captain, get with Cory Schultes, our new League Chairman, at the Spring meeting and attend draft night on April 11th at the clubhouse.

The goal of the WGA board is to

make our league experience enjoyable for all involved, which is why we hold a raffle at the Spring meeting. One free raffle ticket is issued to those attending the meeting, and extra raffle tickets can be purchased before the meeting.

Our new president Andrew Hudson will be presiding over the banquet, introducing the current board, the 2017 staff, and conducting raffle drawings.

The meeting portion of the banquet is to start promptly at 7:00PM. The social hour will be from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. The league will again provide snacks, a keg of beer, and annual attendance favors. We look forward to everyone returning for the 2017 season.

Sign Up for 2017 Match Play!

A \$10 entry fee with your League registration or at the Spring meeting gets you in. Match Play is limited to 64 players. The Match Play Committee pairs 1st round matches. Players are expected to arrange their own match times. (Matches do not have to be played on league night!). Initial matches should be completed by the end of week 3; subsequent matches are expected to be played

within two weeks of the prior match. If matches are not played in a timely manner, the Committee will contact both players to get the match played or will declare a forfeit as appropriate. Your WGA handicap at the time the match is played will be used. Players should address any questions before play starts and come to agreement, e.g. handicaps, which 9 is to be played, extended play in the

event of a tie at the end of a match, etc. All entry fees go back as winner trophy and prize money. Match Play 2016 had a field of 53. Thanks to all participants. Congratulations to Geoffrey Schumann for winning the 2016 Match Play event! Ben Scieszinski placed second. Max Sickles and Kevin McIlhon were runners-up. The Match Play Committee wishes all 2017 participants good luck in this year's event.

The WGA Club Championship Tournament

****Results are posted for a full year on the WGA website.****

Our WGA champion in 2016 was Sam Piesczynski. Sam shot a 2 under par 70 and is the first member in recent memory whose gross score was lower than his net score!
Mr. Piesczynski represented the WGA in Atlantic at the Tournament of Champions.

Thanks to strong participation our 5 net flight winners for 2016 were:

*Gene Davis (1st Flight)
Jeff Hillegons (2nd Flight)
Doug Hoyng (3rd Flight)
TJ Neyens (4th Flight)
Joe Finn (5th Flight)*

Our champion and Flight winners also earned the right to represent the WGA in the IGA's Club Team Championship. This year's WGA team will compete on the Blue Top Ridge course at Riverside near Iowa City on Monday, October 2nd. The 2017 WGA tournament will be held Sunday, July 23rd. Enter online for \$20. ??? see Greg Bentley or Clair Sumner.

The Skins Game

In an effort to simplify and speed up the check in process, the Skins games will only be available on a Prepaid for the Season basis. This worked well last year and we were able to provide carryover payouts! If you want in for the 18 week season, the online signup option will be your **only** opportunity to get in on the Skins games.

Less work for the league chairman and check-in staff, proven larger payouts, and there's no accidently forgetting to enter if you are a little late to the course. Gross and Net weekly winners are posted on the board.

Winnings will still be a clubhouse credit to be used by the end of the calendar year.

Information the Membership Needs to Know

Tee times for League night are done by signup sheet at the front desk for the following week. The first night of league will have a sign up sheet available starting at 7AM Tuesday, April 18th.

In person signups will have priority over individuals calling in. A member may make a tee time for only one foursome. If you are trying to have your team play consecutive tee times, 3 individuals will need to be present to sign up.

If your foursome is able to play earlier in the day, you will need to schedule that time through the front desk...and your fellow members appreciate your efforts to ease the congestion on Tuesday night!

Cory will split teams evenly on both sides with early golfers and league window golfers, again to try and eliminate the logjams at the starting tees that we have seen in the past.

Thank you for your cooperation.

THE KING

Arnold Palmer, golf's first television superstar, passed away on Sept. 25, 2016 shortly after our league ended. He is known for promoting the game of golf to the world like no one before him, though many now have followed his lead. He came and played an exhibition at our very own Wavelend and we have proudly posted memorabilia from that event in our clubhouse for many years. Bobby Jones once said, "If I ever needed an eight-foot putt and everything I owned depended on it, I would want Arnold Palmer to putt it for me." Paige, make mine half tea, half lemonade in honor of the king.

The President's Corner

Hi and welcome to the WGA 2017 edition. I'd like to start by congratulating all of our 2016 winners. As we gear up for the season, there are a couple of things that will be a focus for the 2017 season.

- **ONLINE ENROLLMENT** - we have moved to an online enrollment process, this is the only way to enroll in the 2017 WGA league. If you don't due online processing find a team mate or buddy that will do it for you!! ***This saves the WGA money that we can then spend on gifts and prizes for you the members.***

- **PACE of PLAY** - We are averaging over 175 players per league night, we must play ready golf!! The pace of play is consistently the top complaint received by the board. Please be respectful of other members and keep up with the group in front of you. I know early and late seasons are especially challenging for the late tee times to finish. Be ready to play at your tee time!!!

- **GOLD TEES** - if you are over 65 and elect to play the gold tees, you must play the gold tees EVERY league round. Please indicate this on your score card the first night of play.

- **UNIQUE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES !!!**

As a league we have been awarded the responsibility of marshalling the 16th hole during the Solheim Cup. This is HUGE for the WGA as well as IOWA. This International event will be seen around the world and you can be a part of it, inside the ropes!! Use the promo code "WAVELAND" when signing up to be a part of our volunteer committee.

The Principal Charity Classic is also a great way to get involved with other league members and see some of the legends of golf. This event has raised millions for local charities and the WGA has been a reliable supporter of this event since its inception. There are info sheets for both events included with the newsletter.

Again, welcome to the 2017 season, I hope you has have an enjoyable season. If you have questions, concerns or other items you would like to discuss please see me some Tuesday night or submit an email through the WGA website.

Thank you and best of luck in 2017!

Andrew Hudson
President

2017 League Schedule

Date	Event
April 4	Spring Meeting 6 p.m.
April 11	Draft Night 6 p.m.
April 25	League Play
May 2	League Play-(Steak Night!)
May 9	League Play
May 16	League Play
May 23	League Play-(Steak Night!)
May 30	League Play
June 6	League Play
June 13	League Play
June 20	League Play-(Steak Night!)
End of First Half	
June 27	League Play
July 4	No League
July 11	League Play-(Steak Night!)
July 18	League Play
July 23	***WGA Club Tournament***
July 25	League Play
August 1	League Play-(Steak Night!)
August 8	League Play
August 15	League Play
August 22	League Play-(Steak Night!)
August 29	League Play
End of Second Half	
September 5	Playoff/Fun Night
September 12	Fall Banquet and Elections

LOCAL RULES AND INFORMATION HANDOUT

Starting in 2014, the board voted to allow members age 65 and over to play from the GOLD tees. Otherwise, USGA Rules are in effect with the following exceptions:

Preferred Lies and Winter Rules exist for adverse conditions, including the poor condition of the course or the existence of mud. The Committee may decide to grant relief by temporary Local Rule either to protect the course or to promote fair and pleasant play. The Local Rule should be withdrawn as soon as the conditions warrant.

The WGA plays a modified "Winter Rules" throughout the season. A player may move the ball within one club length no nearer the hole ONLY WHEN THE BALL IS IN THE PLAYER'S OWN FAIRWAY!!! The ball is to be played down in the rough. Also, a hole is completed when a putt is holed out. The Board understands the desire to facilitate pace of play, but has voted to retain this rule and not allow "gimmes". These are the rules most of us already play by, but we get new players every year.

LEAGUE IS SCORED with 2 divisions, 9 teams per division, 12 players per team. On league night, teams play against all other teams. The low 7 net scores per team are used. Teams get 3 points for every team they beat and one point for a tie. Teams get 1 point for each team member that posts a score on a league scorecard that is received in the WGA box on league night (show-up points). The maximum points per that a team could receive on league night is 57 (45 for beating 15 teams plus 12 show-up points). Subs do not count for show-up points. Winning teams in both divisions after the first half of league play will play the winners of the second half on Playoff night to determine the league champions. Winners of the first half can't win the second half. HANDICAPS are based on the best three nine hole league scores out of the last five posted. New player handicaps are established after the first nine hole score. We will use the USGA Equitable Stroke Control System.

Nine Hole League Handicap-----Maximum Strokes on any Hole

4 or less	Double Bogey
5 thru 9	7
10 thru 14	8
15 thru 19	9
20 or more	10

RAINOUPS - As long as the course allows play, there will be league. If you start your round and the course closes, be sure to turn in your cards! We will handicap the holes not played so you and your team will get credit.



THE PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

JUNE 6th-11th

WAKONDA CLUB - DES MOINES



The Waveland Golf Association still provides marshals on Hole #12 during the Principal Charity Classic to be held at the Wakonda Country Club. This year the event runs from June 6th thru June 11th. Joe Finn and Dave Spiering continue to organize our volunteer effort as our 2017 hole captains. The Volunteer Package for 2017 will include the following:

- One PCC logo PUMA Golf Shirt (Valued at \$60)
- One PCC logo Clique Jacket/Windshirt (Valued at \$85)
- Choice of Golf Cap or Sport Visor (Valued at \$20)
- Volunteer/Marshall Badge = FREE admission (Valued at \$100)
- Designated Volunteer Parking & Shuttle service
- Meal Voucher on Workdays (Valued at \$10/day)
- Volunteer Party on June 5th (Valued ???, beer and food in limited supply)
- Five (5) Good-Any-One-Day tickets for family and friends (Valued at \$75)
- A one-time 25% merchandise discount

The value of this package is over \$350 and can be yours for just \$85 dollars. The application states that because the Classic operates as a 501(c)3 your volunteer fee is tax deductible.

Volunteers of The Principal Charity Classic will park in a designated area. Dedicated (volunteer only) shuttles will transport volunteers to the volunteer only entrance conveniently located near Volunteer Headquarters and the driving range on the south side of the golf course. Volunteer shuttles will run on a continuous basis beginning at various times each day and ending approximately one hour after the final event of the day concludes. The volunteer shuttle hours will be determined to accommodate all early and late working shifts. Approximate Shuttle hours:

- Tuesday 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 5:15 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday 5:15 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Friday 6:15 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday 6:15 a.m.-6:15 p.m.
- Sunday 6:15 a.m.-6:15 p.m.

The PCC prefers signup be done online at <http://principalcharityclassic.com> and in order to do so ALL volunteers must recreate a user account (last years's account and signon won't work). Help the WGA continue to support golf in Iowa -- Volunteer Today !!!



MARSHAL FOR THE 2017 SOLHEIM CUP!

The most prestigious event in women's golf is coming to Des Moines Golf and Country Club August 14 - 20, 2017. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to marshal a hole with your club!

Sign up at www.SolheimCupUSA.com/Volunteers

All volunteers will need to create an account on the website listed above.
The volunteer package is \$160/volunteer and includes the following:

Tickets:

- One (1) Volunteer Credential
 - *Valid for all 7 days w/ access to grounds
- One (1) Volunteer Appreciation Party Ticket
 - *Option to purchase additional for \$15/each
- Opportunity for discounts on:
 - *Solheim After Sundown presented by Wells Fargo
 - *Gala Dinner
 - *Open & Closing Ceremonies Reserved Seats

Uniform:

- One (1) Solheim Cup Logo Golf Shirt
- One (1) Solheim Cup Logo Outerwear
- Solheim Cup Cap, Unisex Visor, or Women's Visor
 - *Option to purchase additional items

Other Volunteer Amenities:

- Complimentary parking (Volunteer Lot)
- Breakfast and lunch while working
- Official Solheim Cup bag, lanyard, insulated tumbler and commemorative pin



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